

# It's about MAN... ...and it's about SIN



*"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" – Rom. 3:23*

**VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA**  
**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, AD 2024**

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:<sup>\*</sup> “*Glory be the Father*” (#559).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: “*Love Lifted Me*” (#308).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:9-23.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” (#279).

Announcements.

Hymn: “*Amazing Grace*” (#200).

Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: “*AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES*” (*Pt. IV: Man & Sin*).

Closing Hymn:<sup>\*</sup> “*I Need Thee Every Hour*” (#431).

Benediction.\*

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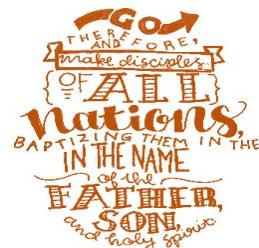
### Week of June 9 – June 15



Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—14;

Midweek—4; Offering—\$1,174.00;

“BAD THEOLOGY” Video—Total: 53 views



MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM

## The Evangelism Explosion method of sharing the Gospel: This Week's Focus: MAN & SIN!

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Last week's focus: Salvation is a matter of **GRACE**; Heaven is not deserved by anybody and cannot be earned or merited (Eph. 2:8-9). It can only be received as a free gift (Rom. 6:23). (Recall the Hitchhiker's Thumb in the "Gospel Hand"—a FREE RIDE!)

**"But... WHY Is it Impossible for us to earn Heaven?"**

**ANSWER:** "GOD SAYS THAT MAN IS A SINNER!!!"

Rom. 3:23: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"  
Isa. 53:6a: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, each of us"

**NOTE:** Unbelievers do not appreciate the gravity of this!

Stress the universality of the above passages; the people you're sharing the Gospel with are sinners—and everyone is in the same boat! **GOD Himself says so**—regardless of whether or not the person "feels" like a sinner! **Remember**, the Bible is your basis of authority and is laden with POWER (Heb. 4:12); you MUST reference Scripture (Rom. 10:17, 1Pet. 1:23, Deut. 32:47!)!

**Q. "BUT...what IS sin?"**

**A. "Sin is the failure to conform to God's perfect standards."**  
Hamartia (Gk.): to "miss the mark;" denotes every departure from righteousness.

**SIN DEFINED:** The BIBLE says that sin is...

- Anything we DO that God has forbidden: i.e., rebellion (1Jn3:4).
- Anything we FAIL TO DO which God commands: James 4:17.
  - Sin thus involves both acts of commission & omission.
- Any EVIL THOUGHT: (Gen.6:5-6; Prov.24:9; Matt.5:21-22, 27-28).

GOD says even ONE sin makes you a SINNER: James 2:10!  
WHAT is God's inflexible moral standard & demand? Matt. 5:48!

**THUS, Man cannot save himself!**

**NOTE:** This goes against the grain of human nature & wisdom (e.g., other world religions teach salvation by good works)—but **Prov. 14:12!**



*In our "Gospel Hand" memory-aid, the accusing INDEX FINGER ("pointer") reminds us of SINFUL HUMANITY. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)!*

# **YES! VBS** **AT VALLEY GRACE** **BRETHREN IS BACK!**



**JULY 8<sup>th</sup>-thru-12<sup>th</sup>**

And **YES**, once again the cheerful & lively crew  
from the **Child Evangelism Fellowship** will be on  
board to help with our VBS!!!

**Our theme this year: "ONE WAY"**



**Snacks, Games, Songs,  
Exciting Bible Teaching!!!**

**Times: 12:30 to 2:00 PM**

*ALL children from pre-K thru elementary school age welcome!*

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